

To: Mayor and City Council Through: City Manager

Agenda Item Number 16 **Meeting Date: 02/15/00**

FUEL CENTER FOR FOOD 4 LESS #SGF-2000.70 **SUBJECT:**

Hector Tapia, Senior Planner (480-350-8331) PREPARED BY:

Dave Fackler, Development Services Manager (480-350-8333) REVIEWED BY:

> This is the second public hearing for Fuel Center for Food 4 Less for an Amended BRIEF:

General Plan of Development and a Final Plan of Development for Parcel 4

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (0406) This is the second public hearing for FUEL **COMMENTS:**

CENTER FOR FOOD 4 LESS (Alexander Haagen, property owner, Center Trust, business owner) for a use permit and three variances to locate a fuel center consisting of 3,404 s.f., on Parcel 4, within Southern Palms Commercial Center (252,505 s.f. total building area for the shopping center on 25.09 net acres) located at 1706 East Southern

Avenue. The following approval is requested from the City of Tempe:

#SGF-2000.70 An Amended General Plan of Development and a Final Plan of Development for Parcel 4, Southern Palms Center Phase I, consisting of a 3,404 s.f. canopy area for a fuel center located at 1706 East Southern Avenue. (Please

see attachment #3 for list of use permit and variances.)

Document Name: 20010215devsrh08 Supporting Documents: Yes

This request is to appeal the Planning Commission denial for an Amended General Plan **SUMMARY:**

and a Final Plan of Development for a Food 4 Less Fuel dispensing facility. This proposal is within the Southern Palms Commercial Center, south of the Food 4 Less store and east of Joe's Crabshack restaurant. 20 parking spaces east of this restaurant will be eliminated to place the fuel pumps. According to the applicant, this fuel facility will serve as an extension of the services provided by Food 4 Less grocery store. A use permit and three variances are requested with this proposal. The proposed fuel center is not allowed by right, a use permit is required in all Zoning Districts. One variance is to allow a fuel center facility away from an arterial street intersection. The other two variances are for building setbacks from interior property lines and to waive the required 6-foot masonry wall and 6-foot landscape strip buffer. Staff received letters of opposition and phone calls expressing concerns regarding this application. Store's customers signed a survey in favor or against the fuel center (attached). Staff believes that the proposed use is not appropriate for this location. The area proposed is next to an existing restaurant with outdoor dining, due to aesthetics, on-site circulation for fuel

pumps trucks, and the loss of 20 parking spaces do not warrant a positive recommendation. On December 12, 2000, Planning Commission denied this request by a

6-1 vote.

Staff - Denial **RECOMMENDATION:**

Planning Commission - Denial

Public - Opposition

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. List of Attachments
- 2. History & Facts
- 3. Description
- 4-5 Comments
- 6-7 Conditions of Approval
- 8. Location Map
- 9. Amended General Plan and Final Plan of Development
- 10. Elevations
- 11. Appeal Letter and Explanation/Intent
- 12. Letters of Opposition
- 13. Updated Parking by Demand Study, 12/5/2000
- 14. Previously approved Plan
- 15. Planning Commission Minutes, 12/12/2000
- 16. Applicant's Letters Responding to Neighbors
- 17. Applicant Submitted a Petition Signed by Customers of Food 4 Less
- 18. New Letter of Opposition

HISTORY & FACTS:

February 7, 1963.	Council approved a rezoning from R1-6 to PSC (PCC) and a General Plan of Development for University Mall Shopping Center at the NWC of Southern and McClintock.
February 23, 1978.	Council approved an Amended General Plan for 345,000 s.f. mall and 18 office and retail pads at the above site.
April 9, 1981.	Council approved a Final Subdivision Plat consisting of 10 lots and an Amended General and Final Plan of Development for Southern Palms Center consisting of 244,000 s.f. on 24.9 net acres.
<u>September 19, 1985</u>	Board of Adjustment approved a use permit and parking reduction from 1259 to 1224 spaces for Chevy's Diner and Bar in the 10,000 s.f. space adjacent on the south side to the subject suite. This use was never installed.
March 8, 1988.	Planning Commission approved an Amended General Plan with variances for landscape islands that was withdrawn before processing by City Council.
January 15, 1989.	Board of Adjustment approved a use permit and parking reduction from 988 to 976 for the 502 Club in part of the subject space, that had been occupied since 1982 by Bob Brown's Lounge and Bar.
January 9,1992.	Council approved an Amended General Plan for McDonald's Restaurant on Parcel 7 of the Center that included a parking reduction from 65 to 51 spaces.
May 14, 1992.	Council approved an Amended General and Final Plan of Development for Southern Palms Shopping Center that included a use permit to allow parking to be based on demand (shared parking), subject to conditions that limited the amount of floor area devoted to restaurant and non-retail uses (see attached).
December 12, 2000.	Planning Commission (6-1 vote) denied this request by FUEL PUMPS FOR FOOD 4 LESS for an Amended General and Final Plan of Development, a use permit and three variances.
January 25, 2001.	Council held the first public hearing for this request and continued the second public hearing to 2/15/2001.

DESCRIPTION:

Owner - Alexander Haagen, Properties Operating

Business Owner – Steven Perales, Center Trust (Food 4 Less)

Applicant – Brian McFadden, Preconstruction Development Services, L.L.C.

Architect - Edward H. Lucero

Existing zoning – PCC-2

Total site area – 25.09 net acres

Total bldg. area -252,505 s.f.

Area of Proposed Fuel Pumps Canopy – 3,404 s.f.

Parking required - Parking by Demand

Predicted by Model – 1,034 spaces

Parking Provided – 1,132 spaces

Bicycle Parking Required – 70 spaces

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Minimum Landscaping Required – 15%

Landscaping Provided - 21%

Maximum allowed Lot Coverage – 25%

Lot Coverage Provided – 19.7% (total center)

Requested Use Permit:

Allow a fuel dispensing facility in the PCC-2 Zoning District.

Requested Variances:

- 1. Allow a fuel dispensing facility to be located in an area away from an arterial street intersection.
- 2. Reduce the minimum required rear yard building setback from 40' to 20' (Parcel 4).
- 3. Waive the six-foot masonry wall and required 6-foot landscape buffer along all interior property lines.

COMMENTS:

This request is for an Amended General Plan and a Final Plan of Development for a Food 4 Less Fuel dispensing facility to be located within the Southern Palms Commercial Center, south of the Food 4 Less store and east of Joe's Crabshack restaurant. This request proposes to eliminate 20 parking spaces east of this restaurant to accommodate the fuel pumps. According to the applicant, this fuel facility will serve as an extension of the services provided by Food 4 Less grocery store, a new major tenant in this commercial center. A use permit and three variances are requested with this proposal.

The use permit is to allow a fuel facility in the PCC-2 Zoning District. One variance is to allow a fuel center facility located away from an arterial street intersection. The proposed location for the fuel facility is about 600 feet west from the north west corner of McClintock Drive and Southern Avenue. The other two variances are for building setbacks from interior property lines and to waive the required 6-foot masonry wall and 6-foot landscape strip buffer. It is noted that fuel pump facilities are not allowed by right, they require a use permit in the PCC-2 Zoning District.

Staff received letters of opposition and phone calls expressing concerns regarding this application. Staff believes that the proposed use is not appropriate for this location, close to an existing restaurant next to the west side of this site, the on-site circulation for fuel pumps trucks is a concern, and the loss of 20 parking spaces primarily dedicated for the restaurant. All these concerns do not warrant a positive recommendation.

Evaluating the use permit, it appears that the fuel pumps facility proposal do not pass the use permit tests listed below, primarily "c" and "d":

- a. Any significant increase in vehicular or pedestrian traffic in adjacent areas; or
- b. Nuisance arising from the emission of odor, dust, gas, noise, vibration, smoke, heat, or glare at a level exceeding that of ambient conditions; or
- c. Contribution to the deterioration of the neighborhood or to the downgrading of property values which is in conflict with the goals, objectives or policies for rehabilitation, redevelopment or conservation as set forth in the City's adopted plans, or General Plan; or
- d. Compatibility with existing surrounding structures and uses; or
- e. Adequate controls of disruptive behavior both inside and outside the premises which may create a nuisance to the surrounding area or general public.

The burden of proof for satisfying the aforementioned requirements shall rest with the applicant. A refusal of a use permit shall not be interpreted as the denial of a right, conditional or otherwise.

Evaluating the requested variances, it appears that the fuel pumps facility proposal do not pass the variance tests listed below, primarily "3a", "3b" and "3c":

- 3. A variance shall not be authorized unless the application provides sufficient evidence:
 - a. That there are special circumstances or conditions applying to the land, building or use referred to in the application; and

- b. That the authorizing of the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights; and
- c. That the authorizing of the application will not be materially detrimental to persons residing or working in the vicinity, to adjacent property, to the neighborhood or to the public welfare in general.

New information for the February 15, 2001 Public Hearing:

At the January 25 Council public hearing, the applicant submitted a petition survey signed by customers of Food 4 Less grocery store and a list of shopping center tenants that met with the applicant (see attachment #?). The list contains 233 signatures and, according to the applicant, 127 live within a mile from the store. Although the list is a good marketing tool, the real impact of the proposed use is on the adjacent neighborhood or tenants within the shopping center as required when evaluating a use permit application. The applicant also submitted e-mail letters sent to neighbors opposing his request but there is no indication that those letters made the neighbors change their position.

Staff also received a new letter of opposition expressing concerns regarding safety issues on fuel center facilities.

Staff advised the applicant since the initial application of possible neighborhood concerns, land use issues, and on site circulation conflicts. The applicant's decision was to go forward with the application process. Staff received many concerns from surrounding property owners regarding the proposed fuel pumps within Southern Palms Commercial Center. Staff's position continues to be that the proposed location for the fuel center facility is not appropriate for this location therefore recommends denial. On December 12, 2000, Planning Commission denied this request, 6-1 vote. The applicant is now appealing that decision.

REASON(S) FOR DENIAL:

- 1. The proposed fuel pumps for Food 4 Less appears not appropriate for that location and is not consistent with the approved General Plan of Development of Southern Palm Commercial Center Phase I.
- 2. This request is not compatible with the surrounding businesses within the shopping center.
- 3. There are no special circumstances or conditions applying to the land, building, or the use proposed.
- 4. The authorization of these variances are not necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights.

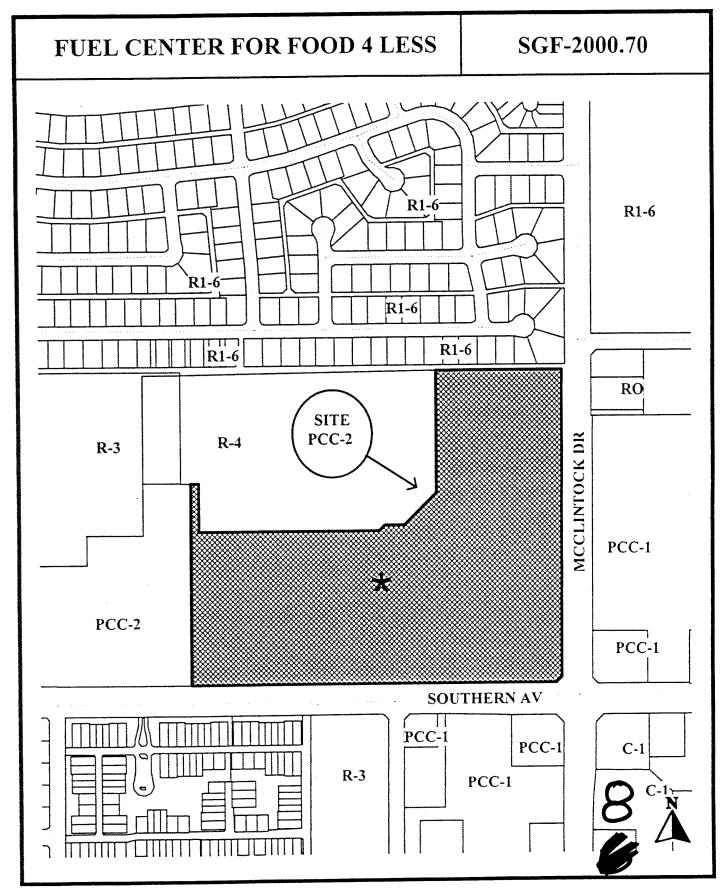
SHOULD THE CITY COUNCIL ELECT TO TAKE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ON THE REQUEST, THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL SHOULD BE ATTACHED

CONDITION(S) OF APPROVAL:

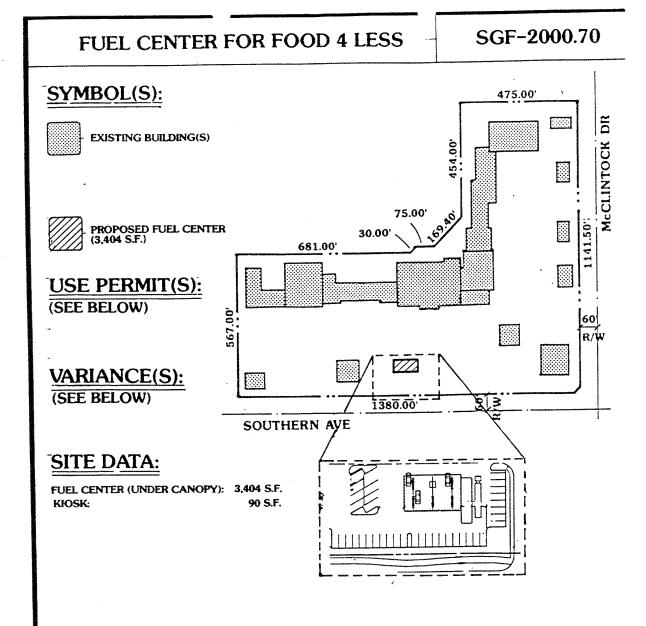
- 1. a. The Public Works Department shall approve all roadway, alley, and utility easement dedications, driveways, storm water retention, and street drainage plans, water and sewer construction drawings, refuse pickup, and off-site improvements.
 - b. Off-site improvements to bring roadways to current standards include:
 - (1) Water lines and fire hydrants
 - (2) Sewer lines
 - (3) Storm drains.
 - (4) Roadway improvements including streetlights, curb, gutter, bikepath, sidewalk, bus shelter, and related amenities.
 - c. Fees to be paid with the development of this project include:
 - (1) Water and sewer development fees.
 - (2) Water and/or sewer participation charges.
 - (3) Inspection and testing fees.
- 2. a. All street dedications shall be made within six (6) months of Council approval.
 - b. Public improvements must be installed prior to the issuance of any occupancy permits. Any phasing shall be approved by the Public Works Department.
 - c. All new and existing, as well as on-site and off-site, utility lines (other than transmission lines) shall be placed underground prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit for this development in accordance with the Code of the City of Tempe Section 25.120.
- 3. No variances may be created by future property lines without the prior approval of the City of Tempe.
- 4. A valid building permit shall be obtained and substantial construction commenced within one year of the date of Council approval or the variances and use permit shall be deemed null and void.
- 5. This plan shall be recorded prior to the issuance of permits, and shall show cross access to be maintained throughout this site over the driving aisles. No changes or modifications to the driving aisles will be allowed without the prior approval of the Engineering Department.

- 6. The applicant shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding archeological artifacts on this site.
- 7. The use permit is non-transferable and is issued to Food 4 Less ______ only.
- 8. Any intensification or expansion of the use shall require the applicant to return to the City Council for further review.
- 9. Any significant verifiable police complaints (as determined by the City Attorney and Police Dept.) shall require the applicant to return to the City Council for re-evaluation of the use permit.
- 10. The applicant shall resolve all lighting and security details with the Police Department prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- 11. Re-grade pump area and provide Envibro well drywell for runoff.





Location Map SEE OTHER SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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Use Permits:

Allow a fuel dispensing facility in the PCC-2 Zoning District.

Allow a fuel dispensing facility to be located in an area away from an arterial street intersection. Variances:

Reduce the minimum required rear yard building setback from 40' to 20' (Parcel 4). 2.

Waive the six-foot masonry wall and required six-foot landscape buffer along all interior property lines.

If you are interested you may attend a meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at the Council Chambers, 31 East Fifth Street. This will be a public hearing and you may present your views in person at the hearing. Or you may respond in writing to the Planning & Zoning Commission, P. O. Box 5002, Tempe, AZ 85280-5002

If you have any questions or wish to view additional material including artists renderings and elevations whi contact the Development Services Department at 480-350-8331 or come in to the office at 31 East Fifth Street

The City of Tempe endeavors to make all public meetings accessible to persons with disabilities. With 48 hours advance notice, special assistance can also be provided for sight and/or hearing impaired persons at public meetings. Please call 480-350-8331 (voice) or 480-350-8400 (TDD) to request an accommodation to participate in the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.



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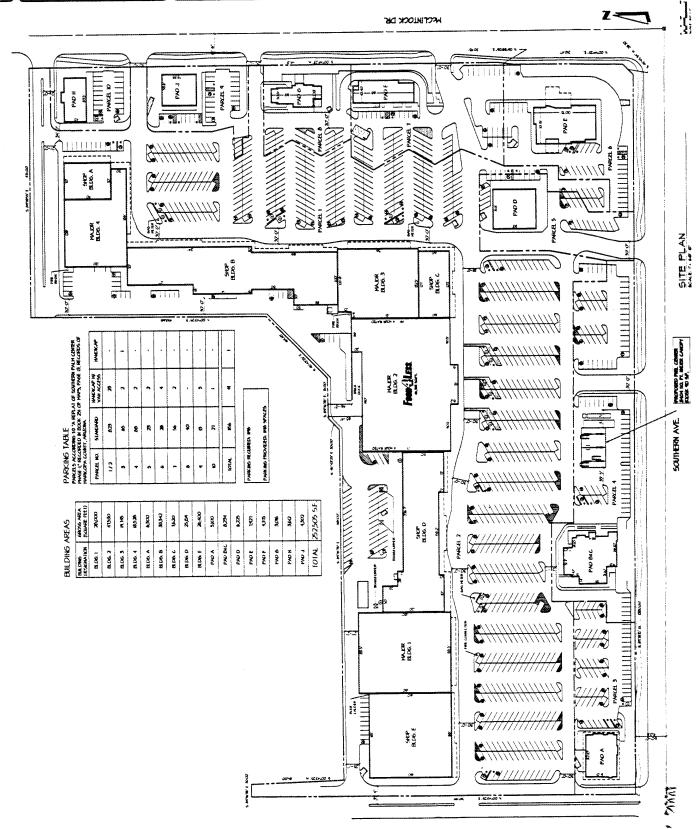


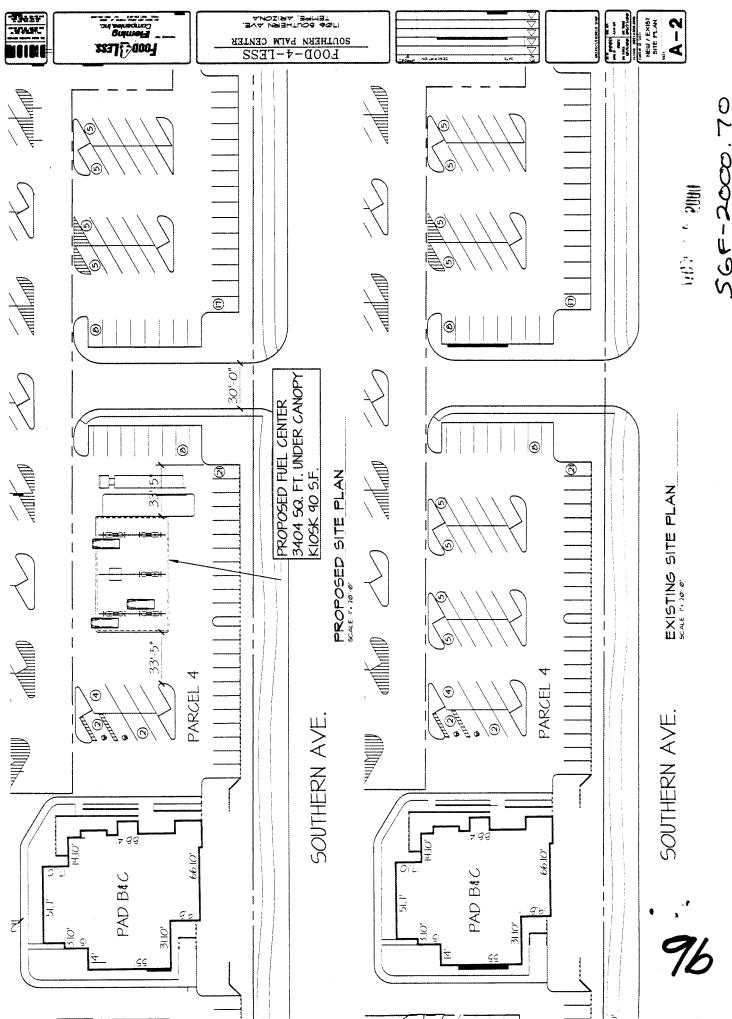
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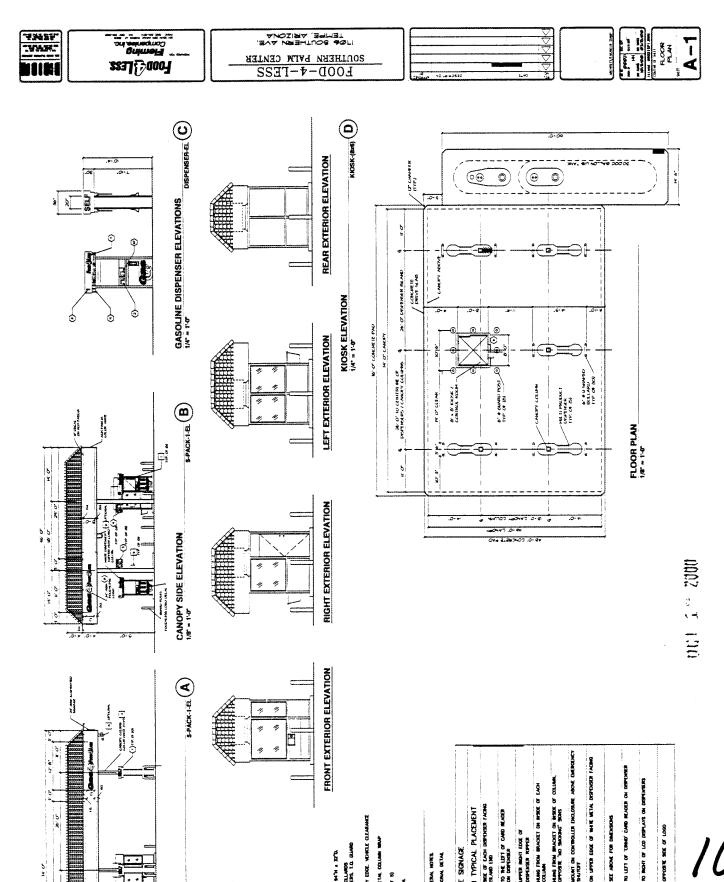
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Preconstruction Development Services, LLC

1034 East Hiddenview Drive Phoenix, Arizona 85048 P- (480) 283-8963 F- (480) 283-8913

December 15, 2000

Mr. Hector Tapia
Senior Planner
Development Services Department
City of Tempe
31 East Fifth Street
Tempe, Arizona 85281

RE: Food 4 Less Fuel Center

Southern Ave. & McClintock Rd.

SGF-2000.70

Dear Mr. Tapia,

On behalf of the Applicant, please accept this letter as notice of our intent to appeal to the Tempe City Council the actions of the Planning Commission's December 12, 2000 decision to deny the Applicant a Use Permit.

Please see that the Applicant's case is added to the next regularly scheduled Tempe City Council meeting. A formal letter of Explanation and Intent to the Tempe City Council regarding this case will follow.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (480) 283-8963.

Respectfully,

Preconstruction Development Services, LLC

For the Applicant

rian F. McFadden

Cc: Brian Lake, Fleming Companies Scott Thomson, Center Trust Mr. Don Nemeth, President PRTA

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1034 East Hiddenview Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85048 Phone. (480) 283-8963 Fax (480) 283-8913

November 28, 2000

City of Tempe, Development Services Department Planning Division Attn: Mr. Hector Tapia P.O. Box 5002 31 East 5th Street Tempe, Arizona 85280

RE:

Proposed Fuel Center-#SGF-2000.70 Southern Ave. & McClintock Rd. Tempe, Arizona

Dear Mr. Tapia

Pursuant to the City of Tempe and the Planning and Zoning Commission requirements, the following is a letter of explanation and justification for 3 variances requested by the Applicant. The requested variances include:

- > Allowing a fuel dispensing facility to be located in an area away from an arterial street intersection
- Reduce the minimum required rear yard building setback from 40-feet to 20-feet
- Waive the six-foot masonry wall and required six-foot landscape buffer along all interior property lines

Though this request by the Applicant for "forward" and "out of the box" thinking by the City of Tempe Planning Division and Planning Commission, as well as substantial planning on the Applicant's part, that a "off corner" fuel dispensing center be designed to seamlessly integrate into the existing shopping center, that it not interfere with ingress/egress for the shopping center, its tenants, the fuel dispensing center, or arterial traffic, increase in traffic, and moreover, maintain the preservation and enjoyment of all, by not materially posing a detrimental activity or design, the following is for your consideration and approval:

Explanation and Intent

The proposed self-service fuel dispensing center will be located in a portion of the existing parking lot immediately in front of the recently opened Food 4 Less market, adjacent to Southern Avenue, immediately to the east of the existing Joe's Crab Shack, and west of the main entrance into the shopping center off Southern Avenue.

The proposed fuel dispensing center will consist of five fuel pumps, canopy, and a one-attendant kiosk located underneath the canopy. Colors to match the existing center. The fuel dispensing center will be re-graded to accommodate a concrete surface slab (flush with the adjoining pavement), which will allow for drainage. The slab area will be continually maintained. Any spills or contaminants will be sloped to a clarifier, located in the fuel center area.



The land area located at the immediate southeast corner of the shopping center (intersection of Southern Avenue and McClintock Road) is currently occupied by a tenant/owner. Because of this occupation of land, the desired fuel dispensing center must be located "off-corner."

We submit for your consideration and approval a proposed "off-corner" fuel dispensing center containing five pumps, canopy and minimally sized attendant kiosk, and not a food convenience store and/or vehicle maintenance garage, normally associated with a traditional corner fuel dispensing center found throughout the City of Tempe. The open air design of the fuel dispensing center and lack of enclosed building area (convenience store/vehicle maintenance garage) is a departure from what is typically considered by the Planning Division and Planning Commission. The "off corner" location will not pose an additional traffic safety hazard from vehicles traveling along Southern Avenue or McClintock Road or increase traffic to the shopping center. The fact that the fuel dispensing center is located along Southern Avenue and further away from the busy intersection, this will provide easier and safer ingress/egress, and not create the need for immediate vehicle deceleration and turns into the fuel center so close to the intersection, which is normally associated with corner fuel dispensing locations. The fuel dispensing center has been conveniently located such that there is no material adverse affects on the shopping center drive patterns or parking. It has been designed to be located far enough away from the drive and parking lot areas so as not to interfere with drive access or vehicles parking in the lot area. It is not anticipated that the proposed fuel dispensing center will generate additional traffic along Southern Avenue or McClintock Road, or to the shopping center itself. The fuel dispensing center will not enjoy a premium marketing window associated with a corner location, which could attract additional traffic. Because of the proposed "off corner" location, the fuel center is expected to only attract normal local traffic, as well as existing patronage already associated with the shopping center and the Food 4 Less market.

The design and color of the fuel dispensing center's canopy can incorporate the approved Food 4 Less design and colors, further enhancing the area and not creating a blight to the surrounding properties and neighborhood. Acceptable security and functional lighting methods and illumination levels will be discussed and agreed upon by the Planning Division and Applicant during normal planning review. Acceptable parking availability will also be determined and agreed to by each during normal planning review.

- Further, we submit for your consideration and approval that the required 40-foot rear setback normally associated and required for corner fuel center locations be waived by issuance of a variance. Because of the a-typical location and design of the proposed fuel dispensing center, the need for a 40-foot rear setback is only an administrative requirement and not as much has as a practical requirement, which is subject to consideration and change without adverse affect or liability under the circumstances. The defined rear property line is an invisible line situated in the parking lot with no immediate structures adjacent to the property line. Special circumstances associated with this proposed location assert that a minimum 20-foot setback be granted since the 20-foot differential will have no material adverse affect on the surrounding properties, tenants, neighborhood, or identifiable structural safety issues.
- Finally, we submit for your consideration and approval that since the proposed fuel dispensing center will not be situated on the corner of the shopping center, the required six-foot masonry wall normally required on two-sides of a corner fuel center location, as well as the six-foot wide landscape buffer be waived by issuance of the variance. Since the proposed fuel dispensing center will only contain five pumps, canopy and minimally sized attendant kiosk, and not a food convenience store or vehicle maintenance garage, a



screening wall of this nature will only be a blight on the shopping center, adjacent properties and to the neighborhood. Additionally, the wall and landscape buffer will only add additional impediments adjacent to the drive areas and pose a substantial traffic view hazard for pedestrians and vehicles alike. Existing landscaping along Southern Avenue, as well as within the existing concrete parking islands and entry drive lanes provide ample landscaping. If it pleases the Planning Division and Planning Commission, the Applicant can install potted and maintained landscaping at the corners of the kiosk and at the ends of the pump islands.

As a representative for the Applicant, it is my pleasure to provide the City of Tempe Planning and Zoning Commission with this letter of explanation with respect to these 3 variance requests. On behalf of the Applicant, we look forward to continuing effective planning and zoning activities toward a successful resolution through the City of Tempe. For any further questions or clarifications, please contact Preconstruction Development Services, LLC, at (480) 283-8963 or by fax or email: (480) 283-8913-bmcfadden@att.net

Sincerely,

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NARRATIVE

September 27, 2000

City of Tempe, Development Services Department Planning Division P.O. Box 5002 31 E. 5th Street Tempe, Arizona 85280

PROPOSED FUEL CENTER SOUTHERN AND MC CLINTOCK TEMPE, ARIZONA

Description

RE:

This center is an existing center anchored with various retail businesses, i.e., Staples, a supermarket, Heilig Meyer, along with other parcels including a pet store, Joe's Crab Shack, a steakhouse, McDonalds, and other various fast food restaurants. The property is relatively flat with generous landscaping throughout, including very large, tall existing palm trees scattered throughout the property. The major streets along this property include Southern, running east and west, and McClintock running north and south. The center is located at the northwest corner.

Location

The proposed Fuel Center location will be immediately in front of the proposed Food 4 Less market, adjacent to Southern Avenue, and immediately to the east of Joe's Crab Shack, and west of the main entrance from Southern onto the site. The proposed Fuel Center will consist of five fuel pumps, a canopy, and a one-man kiosk located underneath the canopy. The fuel center area will be regraded to accommodate a concrete surface slab which will allow for drainage, to be maintained within the fuel center area. Any spills or contaminants will be sloped to a clarifier, located in the fuel center area. Regrading will flush with the existing asphalt area.

Goals

The owners of the fuel center, Food 4 Less/Fleming Companies Inc., will own and operate this center with the intent to provide better services to the general public and the surrounding community by providing a convenient way to refuel vehicles while in the presence of the shopping center. Anyone shopping within the center will have the ability to drive up to the pumps without going into the main streets to circulate and secure fuel from other locations. The fuel center will have a full-time attendant who will assist customers with any fuel problems, credit card, cash problems or pay-for-fuel.

Objectives

The proposed fuel center objectives will be to enhance customer service for the supermarket as well as the general public area, competition with other fuel dispensing services in the area, and create an architectural harmony with the surrounding design and of the facilities. By having the fuel center

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within the shopping center it is felt that easy access from within the shopping center will be better accommodated by eliminating congestion as customers leave the fuel center since it is not located on the corner thereby enhancing circulation in and out of the center and avoiding any traffic problems trying to leave a corner station due to traffic flows from the main arteries. Because of better access there is better visibility coming and leaving the fuel center area. In addition, by having good lighting from within the center, better visibility will occur whereby having a better traffic flow within the center as well as leaving the center from the fuel center.

Architectural Style

The proposed fuel center will be consistent with the existing center in terms of colors and materials located within. It is proposed to allow the fuel center canopy to have mission tile, to help us patterned with the existing center. The colors of the canopy will also be consistent with the colors located within the center. Landscaping will be enhanced necessary to provide soft architectural treatment within this area.

Conclusion

Allowing this fuel center to be approved, we feel that the general public will benefit from the prices of local gas dispensing customers by allowing better competition to occur. In addition, due to the harmony of the payment of the fuel center, allowing better traffic flows, as well as the architectural treatment, this fuel center will benefit the general customer base for shoppers from the area in general as well as drive-by traffic.

For any further questions or clarifications, please contact EHL Architecture and Planning, Inc., at 714-850-1400 or by fax at 714-850-1407.

Sincerely.

Edward H. Lucero

Architect

cc:

Fleming Companies, Inc. 1945 Lakepointe Drive Lewisville, Texas 75026

ATTN: Brian Lake

Center Trust 3500 Sepulveda Boulevard Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

ATTN: Steve Perales

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Tapia, Hector

From:

Fackler, Dave

Sent:

Thursday, December 07, 2000 11:09 AM

To:

Tapia, Hector; Brittingham, Fred

Subject:

FW: Zoning varience for Food 4 Less gas station

FYI

----Original Message----

From: Cbuzzaz@aol.com [mailto:Cbuzzaz@aol.com]

Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2000 9:47 AM

To: neil_giuliano@tempe.gov; Len_copple@tempe.gov; Ben_arredondo@tempe.gov; dennis_cayhill@tempe.gov;

barb_carter@tempe.gov; Hugh_hallman@tempe.gov; mark_mitchell@tempe.gov

Cc: dave fackler@tempe.gov

Subject: Zoning varience for Food 4 Less gas station

Having lived in Tempe for over 35 years, I have seen many changes. As a resident of Park Riveria Townhouse on Southern Ave just across the street from the proposed zoning varience for the construction of a need Food 4 Less gas station, I have one comment. THIS IS NOT A GOOD CHANGE.

This goes against the normal planning and zoning of placing gas stations on corner locations. There are 6 different gasoline brands represented by 9 different locations within 1.5 miles of this location.

NO MORE ARE NEEDED.

At this time the traffic in the Southern Ave and McClintock area is heavy, and I don't see any way that this additional service station will help the situation.

There is a corner at McClintock and Southern (southwest corner) were an old resturant was that is closed, this location would be ideal, but it is across the Southern Ave from the store.

I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for a wise decision, which will affect the city of Tempe and the quality of life in our area of the city.

Charles E. Buzzard cbuzzaz@aol.com



From the desk of . . .

G I N N Y SAMSON

Planning & Zoning Commission P.O.Box 5002 Tempe AZ

Gentlemen:

Thank you for the notice regarding Food 4 Less application for fuel center at Southern Palms Center.

While I am looking forward to the grocery store, I do not favor the fuel center! I live in the Townhouses directly across the street form Sweet Tomatoes, Since winter people have arrived, the traffic situation is becoming a hazard, as one meets people turning north as we enter south to our residence.

I feel a fuel center would only increase the traffic problems and would not be in favor of your issuing such a permit.

Other home owners living at Park Riviera have also expressed displeasure at this idea. I hope you will take the matter under consideration and study the already heavy traffice on Southern.

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P.O. Box 24191

Tempe, Arizona 85285

Dave Fackler Development Services Director City of Tempe 31 East 5th Street Tempe, AZ 85281 November 16, 2000

Dear Mr. Fackler;

I am writing this letter as president of the Park Riviera Townhouse Association (PRTA), to express my concern about the lack of notification to the PRTA regarding the placement of a gas station in the parking lot of the Food for Less grocery store on the north side of Southern Ave between McClintock and Dorsey. Our complex is almost directly across the street from the proposed site and we constitute 135 homeowners.

Several residents in the complex received notices of the proposed hearings but notification to the PRTA was not given although other notices were sent to other surrounding associations. I am assuming it as an oversight on your part plus we have changed our mailing address since your last communication to us.

Please consider us in the future for notification of this issue and other issues in the future, which affect our neighborhood. Also please revise your mailing address file to reflect our address as:

Park Riviera Townhouse Association P.O. Box 24191 Tempe, AZ 85285

If you have any questions, please contact me at 480-730-6691. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Don R. Nemeth President PRTA

CC: Mayor Neil Giuliano

Tempe City Council Members:

Ben Arredondo

Dennis Cahill

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November 21, 2000

City of Tempe ATTN: Hector Tapia Development Services Department 31 East 5th Street Tempe, Arizona 85282-5002

> Application No. SGF-2000.70 - Use Permit & Variance Requests for "Fuel Center for Re: Food 4 Less" Location: 1706 East Southern Avenue, Tempe (Our File No. 6451-001)

Dear City of Tempe:

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R. M. JOE BUSHONG MARK D. DIOGUARDI

> We represent YF Eastridge Limited Partnership, the owner of the Eastridge Apartments to the north and west of the subject site.

We would like to register our opposition to the subject application for the following reasons:

- The proposed facility would not be an aesthetic enhancement to the area, and would 1. instead detract from the neighborhood.
- The shopping center where this facility is proposed already generates a heavy volume 2. of traffic and noise at night. The proposed use would exacerbate this problem next to our residential community.
- The request does not meet several of the statutory and ordinance requirements, all of 3. which must be met, for a variance as follows:
 - There are no special circumstances or conditions applying to this property or (a) use which do not apply to other properties in a PCC-1 zoning district.
 - The request is generated solely by the owner's desire to have this use at this (b)



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City of Tempe

ATTN: Hector Tapia

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particular location, and is, therefore, of the owner's own making and not due to a unique feature of the property causing a hardship to the owner.

- (c) The variance is not necessary for the owner to benefit from this property. The owner can utilize any use allowed by the PCC-1 zoning district at this location.
- (d) The application will be materially detrimental to persons residing in the adjacent premises in that the proposed use will generate additional nighttime traffic and noise, and, if the environmental safety features which would accompany the fuel storage tanks at this facility in any way fail, the health of the adjacent residents could be jeopardized.

Based on the above reasons, we urge you to reject the subject applications.

If we can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

TIFFANY & BOSCO, P.A.

Mark Dioguardi

For YF Eastridge Limited Partnership

MDD:lcl

cc: Planning & Zoning Commission

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City of Tempe Planning & Zoning Commission P.O. 5002 Tempe, AZ 85280-5002

Re: #SGF-2000.70

Fuel Center for Food 4 Less

1706 E. Southern Av.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you not so much in objection to this particular use permit and variance request (for the record I am strongly opposed) as in general to both the City of Tempe and property management of Southern Palms Commercial Center (SPCC.)

The City allowed both SPCC and Food 4 Less to remodel and take occupancy of an existing space without due consideration of apartment and single family residents who live "behind" or on the north side of this location.

There seems to be an abundance of noise pollution in or near the Southern-McClintock intersection. Why should the City permit additional traffic to operate at this location without addressing the aforementioned in paragraph 2?

I am a homeowner in this neighborhood. I offered for free to SPCC to plant vegetation as a visual and audial block to aid in this matter but was re-buffed.

Is there not something either the City or a particular code or standard would require to address this issue? Rhetorically, I doubt so. Therefore, as a good neighbor I remain fervently opposed to the requested permit and variances.

Sincerely,

Michael Caul

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Dear Mayor Giuliano and City Council Members,

I am a resident and owner in the Park Riviera townhouse complex located across Southern Avenue from the strip mall where a "fuel center" (otherwise known as a gas station), associated with the Food 4 Less grocery store, is being proposed. This is a totally inappropriate proposal and urge you to join the Planning & Zoning Commission in denying the fuel center application in its entirety.

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The fuel center certainly isn't addressing any gross lack of opportunities for refueling in the neighborhood. Within approximately a mile and a half of the proposed fuel center, there are already nine gas stations (all located on CORNERS ... Tempe's normal zoning for such entities) with more than 40 pumps!

Gas Station Locations	Brand	# Pumps
NE corner Southern/McClintock	Arco	6
NW corner Southern/Rural	Union 76	4
NW corner Southern/Priest-101	? Arco	?
NE corner Rural/Broadway	Arco	4
NW corner Rural/Baseline	Chevron	6
SE corner Rural/Baseline	Texaco	4
NE corner McClintock/Broadway	Chevron	6
NW corner McClintock/Baseline	Exxon	6
SE corner McClintock/Baseline	Mobile	4
Total Stations within about 1.5 miles of the proposed fuel center	9	40+

As you can see, one of those stations, a newly renovated ARCO with an AM/PM minimart, is located at the northeast corner of Southern and McClintock within a few hundred feet of the proposed fuel center. A station has been on that corner for as long as I can remember ... and I've lived in the complex since the Southern Palms shopping center was still an undeveloped lot.

In fact, Southern Avenue between Mill and McClintock has seen a 50% decrease in gas stations over the past several years. This might suggest an inability to profitably sustain more than the current number of stations in the area.

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At the Planning & Zoning meeting in December, there was a question as to why Joe's Crab Shack restaurant (immediately adjacent to where the fuel center would be located) hadn't made any comment. The gas station would even take a chunk of their designated parking area. I stopped at the restaurant after the P&Z meeting and talked with the general manager. She knew nothing about the plan because she had never been notified.

This area is a well-established section of town with solid, well maintained, middle income neighborhoods. It is important for the Council to keep that in mind when considering the kinds of businesses that will come into the two shopping centers in the area, particularly the northeast and northwest corners, which have been undergoing considerable retail shuffling. It is important to make sure our property values are enhanced, not diminished by shopping center contents and aesthetics.

Neither Tempe nor the Park Riviera complex residents need an accident-magnet constructed on Southern Avenue.

This "fuel station" is a completely inappropriate, unnecessary and potentially disruptive and dangerous addition to the location. I urge you to deny the application in its entirety.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

TJ Taub 3339 S. Poplar

Heffernan & Associates

Transportation Consultants

4350 East Camelback Road + Suite 100-F + Phoenix, Arizona 85018 + (602) 952-1605

December 5, 2000

VIA MESSENGER

Hector Tapia, Planner Development Services Department City of Tempe 31 East Fifth Street – Garden Level Tempe, Arizona 85281

RE: SOUTHERN PALMS CENTER
NWC SOUTHERN AVENUE & MCCLINTOCK DRIVE

Dear Mr. Tapia:

Enclosed is our updated parking analysis for the above-referenced project. Since this center is already operating under a parking-by-demand use permit (approved back in 1992), we only needed to update the tenant mix to reflect current conditions and then apply the Tempe Standard Shared Parking Model.

The results of our updated analysis show that the proposed fueling center would have little impact on future parking conditions at the site. Even with the loss of approximately 20 spaces, the remaining parking supply (1,132 spaces) will be more than adequate to accommodate the predicted peak demand (1,034 spaces) associated with a fully-leased center.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding our analysis.

Very truly yours,

Kathryn Z) Heffernan, P.E.

Principal

KZH/cd

Enclosure (2 copies)

cc: Brian McFadden, PDS LLC



Updated Parking Study for SOUTHERN PALMS CENTER

Prepared for Preconstruction Development Services, LLC By Heffernan & Associates



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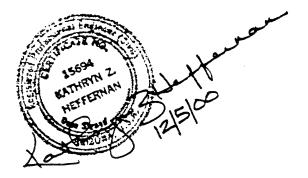


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INTRODUCTION

Southern Palms Center is a retail center located on the northwest corner of Southern Avenue and McClintock Drive. In 1992, the owner was granted a special use permit allowing this center's parking requirement to be based upon the predicted peak parking demand rather than the standard parking ratios prescribed by the Tempe Zoning Ordinance. (This was one of the very first such use permits approved by the City.) Heffernan & Associates provided the detailed parking demand analysis on which this approval was based.¹

The center's anchor tenant, Food 4 Less, is currently seeking the City's approval to build five self-service gas pumps for the convenience of its customers. Although the proposed fuel center would not generate any additional parking demand of its own, its construction would result in the loss of approximately 20 existing parking spaces. Heffernan & Associates was asked to prepare an updated parking analysis to determine if the reduced parking supply would still be sufficient to accommodate the center's peak parking demand. This report presents the results of the updated analysis.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

There has been considerable turnover of tenants within Southern Palms Center since 1992. The current tenant roll for the center shows a vacancy rate of only eight percent (see Exhibit 1). However, one of the anchor tenants (Heilig-Meyers Furniture) is in the process of closing its store and will be vacating its space in the near future. The largest tenant is Food 4 Less, which occupies over 43,500 square feet. Other large tenants include Staples Office Supplies, Goodwill Industries, and Coomers Crafts. The center is occupied primarily by general retailers, although it also contains several restaurants, a pool hall, and a few office-type uses (bank, insurance agents, etc.).

Heffernan & Associates, Parking Demand Analysis for Southern Palms Center. Prepared for Boland, Mulhern & Associates, February 18, 1992.



		***************************************		Leased Sr	pace (SF)		
Suite No.	Tenant	Retail	Office	Restaurant	Pool Hall	Vacant	Total
1538-1	Coomers	12,697					12,697
1538-5	Woodcraft	9,305					9,305
1538-R	Management Office	l	979				979
1538-?	Vacant					1,662	1,662
1538-?	Vacant					440	440
1546	Heilig-Meyers*	28,000 *					28,000
1628-1	West Marine	6,000					6,000
1628-2	Back East Bagels			2,496			2,496
1628-3	Vacant					1,050	1,050
1628-4	9 to 9 Hair Designs	1,590					1,590
1628-5	U.S. West	1,700					1,700
1628-7	ExecuStay	1	2,345				2,345
1628-9	Mail Plus	1,148					1,148
1628-10	Merie Norman	600					600
1628-11	Ann's Hallmark	3,933					3,933
1628-12	Sally Beauty Supply	1,602					1,602
1628-13	Vacant					3,200	3,200
1706	Food 4 Less	47,530					47,530
1726-1	GNC	1,320					1,320
1726-2	Flowers Galore	960					960
1726-3	Tubby's Grilled Subs			900			900
1726-4	Vacant					912	912
1726-5	Vacant					900	900
1726-6	Altered Ego Salon	1,140					1,140
1726-7	State Farm Insurance		850				850
1726-8	Career Profiles		650				650
3210	Staples	28,345					28,345
3136	Clicks Billiards				8,916		8,916
3136-7,8	Vacant					10,032	10,032
3136-10	Tyke's World	3,477					3,477
3136-?	Vacant					2,020	2,020
3122	Goodwill Industries	18,523		l			18,523
3114-1	John's PermaClean	2,730					2,730
3114-2	All About Tennis	2,147					2,147
3108-1	Baskin-Robbins			1,009			1,009
3108-2	Titan Auto Insurance		1,085				1,085
3108-3	Papa John's Pizza			1,505			1,505
3130	Leslie's Pool Supply	4,302					4,302
3206	YC's Mongolian Foods			3,016			3,016
3218	McDonald's			4,800			4,800
1744	Bank One		8,531		ab a said		8,531
1734	Outback Steakhouse			6,225			6,225
1604	Joe's Crab Shack			9,000			9,000
1522	JB's			5,100		<u> </u>	5,100
TOT	AL BUILDING AREA	177,049	14,440	34,051	8,916	20,216	254,672

^{*} Heilig-Meyers is a furniture store, which is treated as a separate retail category in the City's parking code (requiring less parking than other types of retail uses). However, the company is in the process of closing this store, and the building is likely to be leased to another retail use in the future, since no furniture store has expressed interest. Therefore, this particular tenant space has been included under "retail" - rather than the more limiting "furniture store" category - for the purpose of this parking analysis.

This table reflects shopping center occupancy as of 12/1/00.

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CURRENT TENANTS

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A field survey was conducted in order to verify the number of parking spaces currently provided on the site. A total of 1,166 marked parking spaces (including 35 accessible spaces) were found. However, six of these spaces have been given over to shopping cart storage, and another eight spaces are occupied by dumpsters. Therefore, only 1,152 parking spaces are currently available for parking. One space (located next to Joe's Crab Shack) is reserved for the "Employee of the Month," and five spaces at the rear of the center are designated for "Management Office."

If the proposed fueling center is built, the on-site parking supply would decrease by 20 spaces – to 1,132 usable spaces.

TEMPE STANDARD SHARED PARKING MODEL

The existing parking-by-demand special use permit explicitly recognizes the concept of shared parking and its applicability to this particular retail center. The shared parking concept takes into account the fact that different land uses can have parking accumulation patterns which vary considerably by hour, by day, or by season. This means that the same parking space can sometimes serve two or more land uses without conflict or encroachment – and consequently, less parking is needed to accommodate peak parking demand in multi-tenant projects such as Southern Palms Center.

City staff has developed the Tempe Standard Shared Parking Model (TSSPM), which may be used for estimating the parking demand for a specific mix of land uses. This model assumes that every land use within a multi-tenant center will actually utilize the full amount of parking required by the standard parking ratios of the Tempe Zoning Ordinance during some specific time period but would generate less demand at other times. The model takes into account the fact that these periods of peak parking demand may occur at different times of the day. This means that shared parking opportunities may reduce the number of parking spaces needed to meet the overall parking demand of the center.

The TSSPM provides parking accumulation curves for various land use categories. These curves represent average parking usage for those particular land uses (expressed as a percentage of the peak demand) for each hour of the day, based on studies and observations



collected by staff over a number of years. Two different sets of these curves are included in the model – one for weekdays and one for weekends – since parking patterns are likely to vary considerably by day of the week. The first step in applying the TSSPM to a specific project is to calculate the code requirement for each land use component using the parking ratios found in the Tempe Zoning Ordinance. The requirements are then multiplied by the appropriate percentages provided in the model, and the results added together, to develop an estimate of the overall parking demand for the project for each hour of the day. The maximum parking demand is then compared to the parking supply to determine if sufficient parking is provided.

Although the 1992 parking study prepared by Heffernan & Associates provided empirical evidence that actual parking usage at the center was significantly lower than the standard parking ratios found in the Tempe Zoning Ordinance, no specific modifications to the TSSPM were recommended at that time. Since Southern Palms Center was the first retail center of this size to receive a parking-by-demand use permit, it was felt that customization of the model would be premature until sufficient experience with the standard model had been gained. Therefore, the TSSPM was to be used for predicting peak parking demand at this center.

APPLYING THE PARKING MODEL

Although there is clearly more than enough on-site parking to accommodate the parking demand generated by existing tenants, the center has a current vacancy rate of eight percent – and will have a vacancy rate of 19 percent when Heilig-Meyers closes its store. Therefore, the parking analysis must take into account the additional parking demand that would be generated when the center is fully leased (i.e., at 100-percent occupancy).

In this updated parking analysis, it was assumed that the space vacated by Heilig-Meyers (28,000 square feet) – as well as all existing vacancies (20,216 square feet) – would eventually be leased to retailers. This seems the most reasonable assumption at this time, in view of the size and location of these unoccupied suites and current leasing interest.

Exhibit 2 shows the direct application of the TSSPM to this future leasing scenario (based on 100-percent occupancy). The shared parking model predicts a peak demand of 1,034 vehicles, which is expected to occur at approximately 1:00 PM on a Saturday afternoon. The predicted

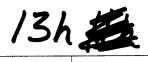


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Pkg. Ratio	Va	ries	1:25	0 SF	1:75	SF	1:12	5 SF	N.A.
Code Regt.	70	6.0	57	7.8	45	4.0	71	.3	1,289
Time	% of Peak	Vehicles	% of Peak	Vehicles	% of Peak	Vehicles	% of Peak	Vehicles	Vehicles
7:00 AM	5 %	35.3	25 %	14.4	10 %	45.4	2 %	1.4	97
8:00 AM	20	141.2	80	46.2	20	90.8	2	1.4	280
9:00 AM	30	211.8	100	57.8	25	113.5	20	14.3	397
10:00 AM	40	282.4	100	57.8	30	136.2	25	17.8	494
11:00 AM	50	353.0	100	57.8	75	340.5	35	25.0	776
12:00 PM	75	529.5	80	46.2	85	385.9	40	28.5	990
1:00 PM	85	600.1	75	43.3	75	340.5	45	32.1	1,016
2:00 PM	95	670.7	95	54.9	45	204.3	50	35.7	966
3:00 PM	100	706.0	95	54.9	35	158.9	55	39.2	959
4:00 PM	85	600.1	85	49.1	40	181.6	60	42.8	874
5:00 PM	80	564.8	70	40.4	60	272.4	70	49.9	928
6:00 PM	70	494.2	25	14.4	80	363.2	90	64.2	936
7:00 PM	60	423.6	15	8.7	95	431.3	100	71.3	935
8:00 PM	50	353.0	10	5.8	100	454.0	100	71.3	884
9:00 PM	45	317.7	5	2.9	100	454.0	100	71.3	846
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10:00 AM	65	458.9	15	8.7	75	340.5	100	71.3	879
11:00 AM	70	494.2	10	5.8	95	431.3	100	71.3	1,003
12:00 PM	60	423.6	10	5.8	100	454.0	95	67.8	951
1:00 PM	75	529.5	15	8.7	95	431.3	90	64.2	1,034
2:00 PM	65	458.9	10	5.8	45	204.3	85	60.6	730
3:00 PM	55	388.3	10	5.8	25	113.5	80	57.1	565
4:00 PM	45	317.7	5	2.9	30	136.2	75	53.5	510
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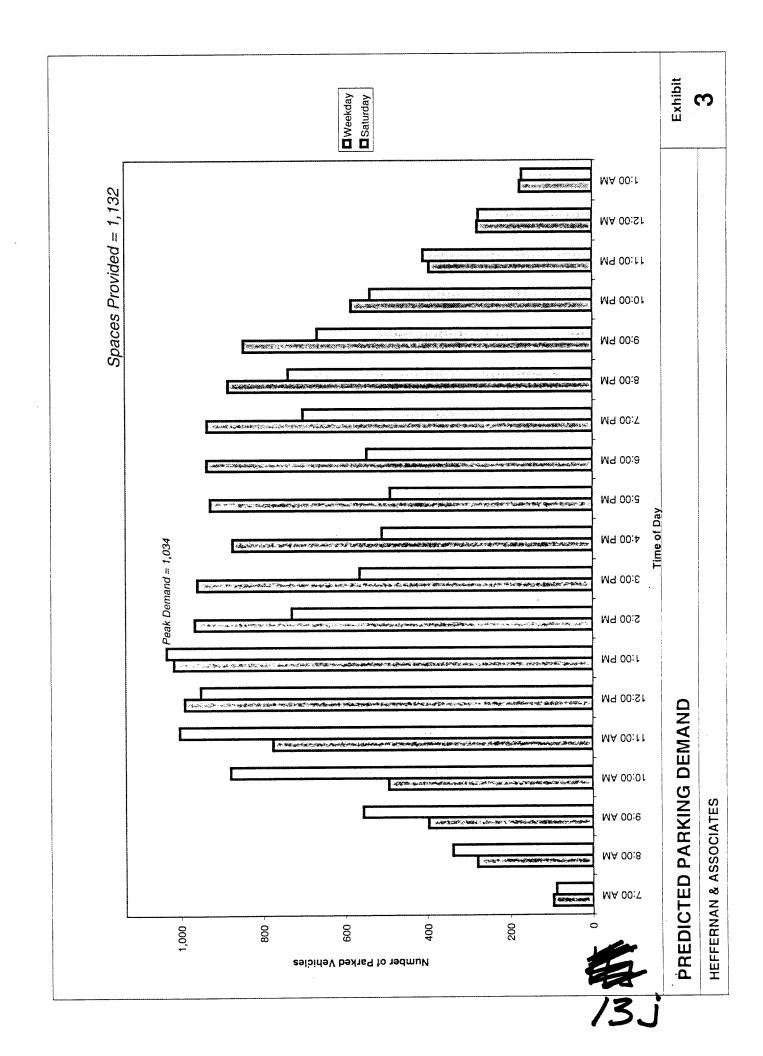
Exhibit 3 shows the relationship between the predicted peak parking demand and the available parking supply. The model predicts that the on-site parking supply (1,132 spaces, after construction of the proposed fuel center) can easily satisfy the expected demand. A nine-percent safety margin (nearly 100 spaces) would still be provided, even during times of peak demand.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

In 1992, the owner of Southern Palms Center was granted a special use permit allowing parking-by-demand. The minimum amount of on-site parking required is now determined through use of the Tempe Standard Shared Parking Model rather than a strict application of the standard parking ratios in the Tempe Zoning Ordinance. Use of the model affords the owner greater flexibility in leasing, while still ensuring adequate parking for all tenants. The model is used to test all potential tenants wishing to come into the center. As long as the future peak parking demand predicted by the model is less than the amount of parking provided on the site, the owner can lease the space to that particular tenant.

This report presents an updated application of the TSSPM to reflect current conditions at Southern Palms Center. The results indicate that the loss of 20 existing parking spaces (which would occur if the proposed fueling center is built) will not materially affect future parking conditions on the site. There is more than adequate parking available to support a fully-leased center, provided that the owner continues to use the TSSPM to analyze the expected impact of all prospective tenants.





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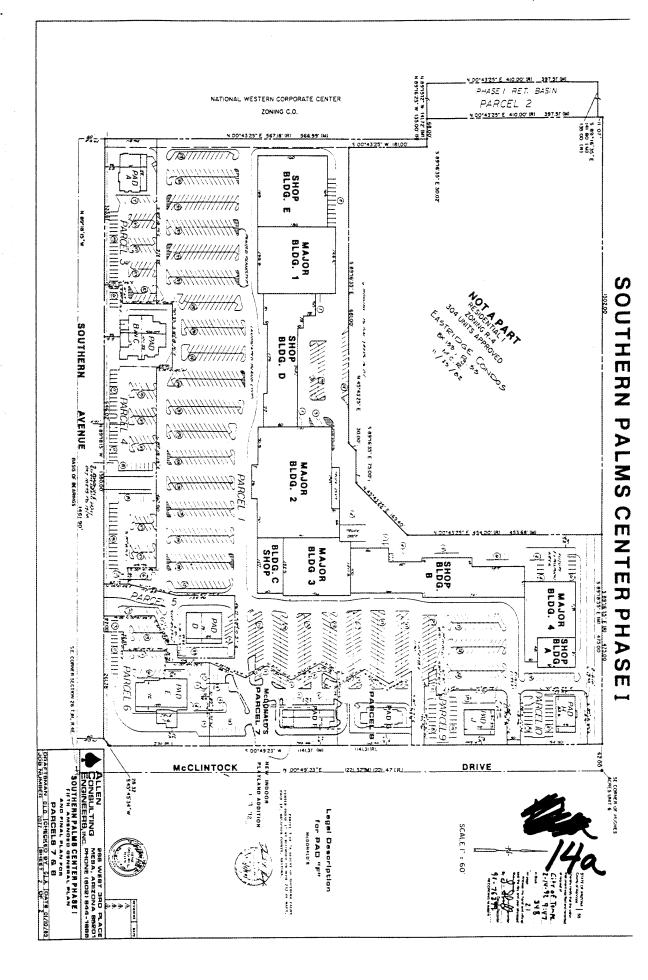
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On a motion by Commissioner Huellmantel, seconded by Commissioner Oteri, the Commission with a vote of 7-0, continued the following item until 01/09/01

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (0406) Hold a public hearing for CLUB G (Rio Salado Courtyard, L.L.C., property owner) for a use permit of a nightclub with live entertainment, DJ and dancing at 1290 North Scottsdale Road. The following approval is requested from the City of Tempe:

#SGF-2000.76 An Amended General and Final Plan of Development for the Mercado del Rio commercial center, consisting of 57,468 s.f building area on 6.19 net acres at 1290 North Scottsdale Road, including the following:

Use Permit:

Allow a 7,900 s.f. restaurant/nightclub with live entertainment (DJ and Dancing) in the PCC-1 Zoning District.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION THEN RETURNED TO THE REGULAR AGENDA.

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (0406) Hold a public hearing for FUEL CENTER FOR FOOD 4 LESS (Center Trust, property owners) for a use permit and three variances to locate a fuel center consisting of 3,404 s.f., on Parcel 4, within Southern Palms Commercial Center (252,505 s.f. total building area for the shopping center on 25.09 net acres) located at 1706 East Southern Avenue. The following approval is requested from the City of Tempe:

#SGF-2000.70 An Amended General Plan of Development and a Final Plan of Development for Parcel 4, Southern Palms Center Phase I, consisting of a 3,404 s.f. canopy area for a fuel center located at 1706 East Southern Avenue, including the following:

Use Permits:

Allow a fuel dispensing facility in the PCC-2 Zoning District.

Variances:

- 1. Allow a fuel dispensing facility to be located in an area away from an arterial street intersection.
- 2. Reduce the minimum required rear yard building setback from 40' to 20' (Parcel 4).
- 3. Waive the six-foot masonry wall and required six-foot landscape buffer along all interior property lines.

Ryan McFadden represented the applicant and gave a brief history of the site. He believes this site is acceptable and will not affect parking at the center. Mr. McFadden was part of a transition team that came into the project late in November and has not had a chance to speak with the neighbors.

Mr. McFadden continued to explain that it would be impossible to place the fuel center on the corner, due to an existing structure. This should, therefore, be considered a hardship.

Commissioner Vaz asked if adding fuel centers to the food store is a pattern at other sites. Brian Fleming stated that they do not have other locations that have fuel centers but are currently requesting this of other cities.

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The following people spoke on the request:

<u>T. J. Taub</u> – submitted a petition from Park Riviera Townhomes opposing the use due to intense traffic. Ms. Taub is representing herself not the association. Concerned with concentration of traffic directly across from their townhouse entrance.

<u>Joseph Yousem</u> – owner of apartments directly north of the shopping center. Opposes use and feels it detracts from the center. Doesn't want any further underground storage tanks.

<u>Scott Thompson</u> – food and gas uses are not uncommon. Many grocery stores are asking for gas stations.

<u>T. J. Taub</u> – Association hasn't had time to have a meeting and would prefer this case be continued until they have time to meet.

<u>Robert Leone</u> – dangerous along Southern Avenue. Fuel center will increase traffic because it will egress and ingress out of the center's entrance across from the Park Riviera entrance. No one got a notice in the townhouse complex.

Hector Tapia stated that public hearing notices were mailed out to property owners within 300 feet of the site. The area was also posted and advertised in the Tribune.

Mr. McFadden doesn't dispute heavy traffic on Southern Avenue but believes they are capturing customers that have shopped at the center and are exiting the site. Mr. Lake stated that the reason they are adding fuel centers is that a survey of customers showed that a popular additional feature to the grocery store would be a gas station. Mr. Lake stated that his company also owns Rainbow Foods and Century Foods and will be opening fuel centers with their grocery stores.

Hector Tapia reviewed the requirements for a use permit and noted that the use permit is granted to the business owner not the property owner or tenant. The variances are for the use away from the corner and the use permit is a land use issue.

Fred Brittingham gave the history of the pad sites at the center. Public Works does not see this as a huge traffic generator irrespective of turns mention by Ms. Taub.

MOTION: Commissioner Spitler made a motion to deny #SGF-2000.70. Commissioner Collett seconded the motion.

Commissioner Collett doesn't feel gas pumps will generate any more of an impact but does not see it as an appropriate use for the area.

Commissioner Huellmantel will vote for denial. Feels contact with neighborhood was an important step. Doesn't believe this use will exist well with the surrounding features.

Commissioner DiDomenico believes this is an overly dense center, yet far less objectionable site than on the other three corners.

VOTE: Passed 6-1 (Commissioner DiDomenico dissented)

Fred Brittingham stated that the applicant will have 7 calendar days in which to appeal this decision to the City Clerk and file the appropriate fees. Mr. Brittingham encouraged the neighbors to call the Planning office to find out when this request would be scheduled for City Council. It will be re-posted and advertised in the Tribune but it will not be re-mailed to property owners.

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (0406) Hold a public hearing for HAYDEN FERRY LAKESIDE (Hayden Ferry Lakeside, LLC) for a Final PAD for Phase II and III on 3.21 net acres located at 24 East Rio Salado Parkway. The following approval is requested from the City of Tempe:

#SPD-2000.81 A Final Planned Area Development for Phase II and III consisting of 536,700 s.f. for two office building and 46,300 s.f. retail space, including a parking structure with 2,215 parking spaces (seven levels of parking) on 3.21 net acres, located at 24 East Rio Salado Parkway in the MG Zoning District. This project includes the following:

Variances:

Reduce the minimum bicycle parking required within the Arizona State University commuting area for Phase II and III from 230 spaces to 50 spaces (25 spaces for Phase II and 25 spaces for Phase III).

Grady Gammage represented the request and gave a history of the site. Mr. Gammage noted that the variance has been withdrawn. The demand for office space in Phase I has also generated this request to finalize Phase II and III. Design Review Board approved the project last week. Some of the changes are the refinement on the parking garage, building skins, and landscaping. There have been no changes in square footage or building heights. Mr. Gammage stated that as parking is built out there may be a chance to reduce parking. However, at this time it is the same parking garage size.

The following spoke on the request:

<u>Tom Hornsby</u> – Chairman of Mitchell West Neighborhood Association. Concerned about traffic studies and vehicle impact on downtown and the neighborhood.

Hector Tapia recommended approval of the case.

Mr. Gammage stated that the overall intensity of the project has been fixed since the early 1990's and a full traffic study on site is not before the Commission.

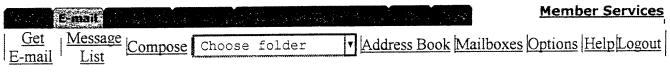
MOTION: Commissioner Huellmantel made a motion to approve #SPD-2000.81 and the conditions as noted in the staff report. It should be noted that the variance was withdrawn by the applicant. Commissioner Vaz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Spitler wished the applicant a lot of luck in getting this project off the ground and noted that the project hasn't changed at all since their last review. Believes the Commission will need to look deeper at keeping parking to a minimum.

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Commissioner Huellmantel stated that there will be issues the City will need to address.



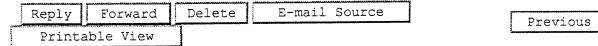


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Dear Mr. Dioguardi,

I received a copy of your November 21, 2000 letter to the City of Tempe on behalf of Mr. Joseph Yousem and expressing his opposition to Food 4 Less and their request to gain approval for a Use Permit to construct a self-serve fuel dispensing facility in the parking lot of the Southern Palms Shopping Center at the NWC of Southern Avenue and McClintock Road.

I would very much like to discuss with Mr. Yousem, as well as with you in detail the overall fuel plan by Food 4 Less. I do not recall meeting you at the December 12th Planning Commission meeting. Kindly call me at (480) 283-8963 so that we may further discuss your concerns and allow me to further inform you of the plan.

We are pleased that Commissioners Collett and DiDomenico, as well as Mr. Fred Brittingham with the Public Works Department agreed that traffic along Southern Avenue is bad enough already, and that the proposed fuel center will likely not add to the existing traffic problem along Southern Avenue. Equally, we are pleased that Commissioner DiDomenico agreed that the area is not as saturated with fuel centers as noted by concerned citizens in the area. According to our study of operating fuel centers, along Southern Avenue, from Priest to Price contains only 4 fuel centers compared to Broadway or University where the number of fuel centers is doubled that number. In fact, Southern Avenue contains the fewest fuel centers in the study area (US 60 to University- Priest Drive to Price Road.



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I would very much like to discuss with you in detail the overall fuel plan by Food 4 Less. I do not recall meeting you at the December 12th Planning Commission meeting. Kindly call me at (480) 283-8963 so that we may further discuss your concerns and allow me to further inform you of the plan. Kindly forward a copy of this email to Ms. Nowak and Mr. Bridgeman for their review. I was not given these concerned citizens email addresses.

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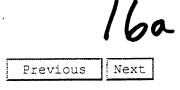
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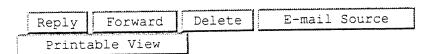
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DATE: January 25, 2001

TO: City of Tempe - Mayor and Council

FROM: Debra Margraf

1537 E. Bishop Drive Tempe, AZ 85282 480-858-0300 480-491-1301 - work

RE: Gasoline Facility - Food 4 Less

McClintock/Southern

I am writing this to oppose the proposed gasoline facility at the Food 4 Less at McClintock/Southern. From the information I have received, I do not know if this facility is manned or unmanned. I have only been told that the proposed site has a kiosk.

My main concern is that the facility will be unmanned. The reason I believe this to be the case is most of the facilities at grocery stores and discount stores are unmanned. This is their way of providing gasoline at a lower price, because they have a lower overhead.

Granted, unmanned facilities must meet the Uniform Fire Code to be able to operate. Under the Uniform Fire Code a facility must have a phone, emergency shut off switch and equipment that will shut off. But, we are relying on the general public and equipment not to fail in the event of an accident. Believe it or not, but people do drive off with the nozzle still attached to the car. This normally happens when the customer is distracted. If a customer drives off with the nozzle still in the car, we are relying on the equipment, the break away, to prevent a major spill. I can give you a specific case where a break away did not work and the customer set himself on fire. You may remember this, because it happened at the Texaco at McClintock/Guadalupe. I have been told if it were not for the clerk on duty the damage would have been more extensive.

I am a believer in this day of lawsuit happiness, if a customer sets himself on fire at the unmanned facility in Tempe, the City of Tempe will be named in the lawsuit and held liable. As the elected officials of the City of Tempe, when you approve building in our City you must also look out for the safety of the citizens.

I would like to list some other issues that I believe the City Council needs to fully address before an unmanned facility is allowed in our fine City.

- 1. I believe the unmanned gasoline facility is an unsafe business practice. The appropriate safety standards needed when pumping gasoline, a highly flammable and toxic liquid, will be unenforceable.
- 2. If an accident/hazard does occur
 - Who will call for help?
 - Who cleans up the hazard and how long does it stay on the ground before clean up occurs? Who will call the fire department?
- 3. What happens if someone drives into the dispenser? I know of someone who had a customer drive off with the nozzle and dispenser attached to the car, causing a 700-gallon leak.
- 4. What is going to be done about contamination? Gasoline is considered a hazardous substance, the citizens of the State of Arizona pay millions of dollars every year to clean up petroleum contamination.
- 5. What happens when a customer spills gasoline?
- 6. What happens when the hose breaks during the day?
- 7. What about the potential air quality problems that can occur if spills are not cleaned up immediately?
- 8. What about crime?
- 9. What about those individuals who smoke while pumping gasoline, or the individual who uses a lighter to hold open the latch?
- 10. What if someone falls?

- What about the potential hazards that could be created with the shopping carts from Food 4 Less?
- 12. Who will help the handicapped or senior citizens?

I read a statement in the paper concerning traffic. The petitioner stated there would be less traffic with a gasoline facility than a restaurant or brake repair shop. I would have to disagree. If a gasoline station is expecting to pump 200,000 gallons of gasoline per month, they need to pump 6666 gallons per day. This equals between 444 to 500 cars per day. This would be far more cars than a repair shop would see in one day.

Also, I believe the City Council should look at the potential tax revenue to the City. At most facilities of this type, there are no additional products sold other than the gasoline. Therefore, no new tax revenue to the City of Tempe with this facility. For your information, all gasoline taxes collected in the State of Arizona go to the Highway Users Revenue Fund (HURF). The state collects the taxes, then uses a formula to distribute the monies to the state, counties and cities. The City of Tempe does not receive tax revenue on every gallon of gasoline that is sold in Tempe.

Further, as a citizen of Tempe I am concerned about the future use of the property. From my experience most facilities of this type do not stay in business for a long period of time. Many citizens like to know there is someone around in case of an emergency. If the facility should close, we now have a canopy and storage tanks sitting in the middle of a parking lot.

Thank you for your time and consideration in the matter. I truly hope that you vote to oppose this permit, as was the suggestion of the Planning and Zoning Commission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at my work or home.